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TITLE: A COMMON BOOT
ENVIRONMENT FOR A MODULAR
SERVER SYSTEM

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Responsive to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002, Applicants hereby elect
Group III, claims 16-25.

Applicants' election is made with traverse. The requirement should be withdrawn since
M.P.E.P. § 803 states that if the search and examination of an entire application can be made
without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even if it includes claims to
distinct or independent inventions. That directive should be followed in this case. All the claims

in this case are related to provisioning a server blade. Consequently, all the claims in this case can be searched and examined together without serious burden.

Allowance of the application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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